have been brought to the notice of this Ministry and this Ministry took immediate remedial steps

'Barai Bari' land of Dhubri in adverse possession of Bangladesh

*90 SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that 192 acres of land namely 'Barai Bari' of Dhubri District of Assam is in the adverse possession of Bangladesh; if so, since when,

(b) how did the possession from India of Barai Bari, go to Bangladesh, inspite of our security forces and why they have been unable to restore the possession back to India; and

(c) the details of India's move till now to restore the territory and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Barai Bari, at present in the adverse possession of Bangladesh was earlier in the adverse po session of Pakistan. Under the provisions of the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement of 1974, territories along the border in the adverse possession of India and Bangladesh respectively, are to be exchanged only after the Agreement is ratified. Till that time the *status quo* is to remain undisturbed.

Progress made to end the Iran-Iraq war

*91. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary-General of the United Nations had visited Iran to end the War between Iran and Iraq;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) wheter any progress has been made to end the war between Iran and Iraq;

(d) what was the role played by the Government of India as a member of the Non-aligned countries to bring them to negotiation;

(e) whether any progress has been made in the talks between Iran and Iraq; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO)· (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pursuant to the adoption by the UN Security Council of its resolution No. 598 of July 20th 1987 the UN Secretary General visited Tehran and Baghdad in August 1987 to discuss with the Governments of Iran and Iraq the implementation of the resolution. On the basis of these discussions the UN Secretary General submitted a report to the Security Council After considering his report the Security Council requested the UN Secretary General to continue his efforts with both parties to secure a full and rapid implementation of the resolution The Secretary General had conveyed to the two countries an outline plan for implementation of the resolution. Both Governments have since transmitted their responses to the outline plan which reflect a divergence of approach on the manner in which the resolution should be implemented Both Governments have agreed to send their emissaries to New York to continue negotiations with the Secretary General.

(d) Both as the Chairperson of NAM and in its individual capacity India had held bilateral negotiations with Iran and Iraq in an effort to seek a peaceful and negotiated solution to the Gulf war Zimbabwe the current Chairman of NAM has been consulting with India and some other Governments about a possible NAM initiative.